**Merger of R.R.B.'s with sponsoring Banks**

127. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to merge the regional rural banks with the sponsoring nationalised commercial banks;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Planning Commission has opposed this proposal; and

(c) if so, what is the final decision of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

**Utilisation of World Bank loans**

128. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWAL: Will the Minis ter of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the plans to utilise the World Bank loan already taken/proposed to be taken, giving the details of infrastructure thus create; and

(b) what steps are being taken to generate adequate funds to repay the inierest accrued thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) World Bank assistance, consisting of loans from the International Bank for Reconstruction & Development and credits from International Development Association, arc taken for both sectoral adjustment programmes and for project-basis financial packages. Infrastructure development is thus involved only where such components form p;irt of projects in the major cpnstruciion-oricntcd sectors.

The repayment of loans and credits and related charges including interest generated thereon is not a direct function of development-oriented project package*., bu* is addressed separately under debt servicing strategies of Government of India.

**Recovery of loan f: orr. Lixmi Laboratories**

129. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Wifl tbe Minister of FI NANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whethe/ it is a fact that the Bank ot Barcda's Overseas Branch 'n New York has filed a claim against Lax.ni Laboratories owned by two Ne-r York based NRIs for the recovery of eight lakh rupees loan extended tc the company in 1984 to procure a colour processing laboratory machine;

(b) if so, the details thereof,

(c) the names of the pcrscr whto ..tood surety/guarantee for the s<!id loan; and

(d) what is the present status of the case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, M/s. Laxmi Laboratories have filed a claim for US $63457.90 against the Royal Insurance Company and the Bank of Baroda at New York. Bank of Earoda have filed a suit in the Delhi High Court on 14.12.1987 fcr recovery of its dues amounting to Rs. 14.04 lars.

(c) Mr. Deepak Darbari and Mr. Shankar Darbari stood sureiy/ guarantee for the said loan.

(d) The next date of hearing in the Civil suit filtd by Bank of Baroda has been fixed for 14.i2.1992.

**Opening up of the Indian Capital Markets to Foreign Institutions**

130. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA SHRl N.E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since decided to open up Indian capital